



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

M. Brison

Art Unit: 1744

Application No.: 09/581,513

Examiner: L. Cole

Filed: September 7, 2000

Attorney Docket No.: 100210-00001

For: MULTI-PURPOSE PLATE FOR SURFACE CLEANING

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 27, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed January 21, 2003, the Applicants wish to point out that the Examiner may have overlooked claims 9-20 in this application.

The Examiner has given an election of species requirement with respect to Figures 1-5b and Figures 6-8. The Examiner noted that claim 1 is generic.

The Applicants hereby elect to have further prosecution on the embodiment of Figures 1-5b with respect to the means for attaching the handle or broom stick. Claims 2-4, 7 and 8 read on this particular embodiment. In view of the Examiner's holding that claim 1 is generic, claims 9-20 should also be examined at this time since they depend directly or indirectly from claim 1. That is, the Applicant has made no election at this time with respect to the means of attaching the handle or broom stick and the means for attaching the surface cleaner.

Consequently, an early examination and favorable action on the merits on claims 1-4, and 7-20 are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any

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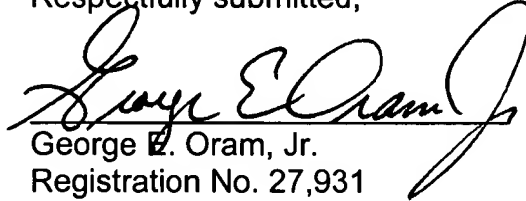
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